



The **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**, in partnership with the **U.S. Forest Service**, proposes to repair flood-damaged sites, and abandon and rehabilitate sections, of Forest Highway 26, known as Suiattle River Road.

The project would reopen vehicle access to National Forest recreation opportunities of 7 popular trailheads, 2 campgrounds, a rental cabin, dispersed camping, hunting, fishing and gathering, as well as upgrade access to State, private, and Tribal lands.

For information on the history of Suiattle Road #26, see the Mount Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/mbs>.

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PROPOSED TIME FRAMES

- Currently no decisions have been made.
- The proposal would include potential detours and closures as well as road repairs.
- The proposed repair and rehabilitation are anticipated to take two or three summers to complete.
- The proposed years for activities are 2012 through 2014.

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ROAD REPAIRS

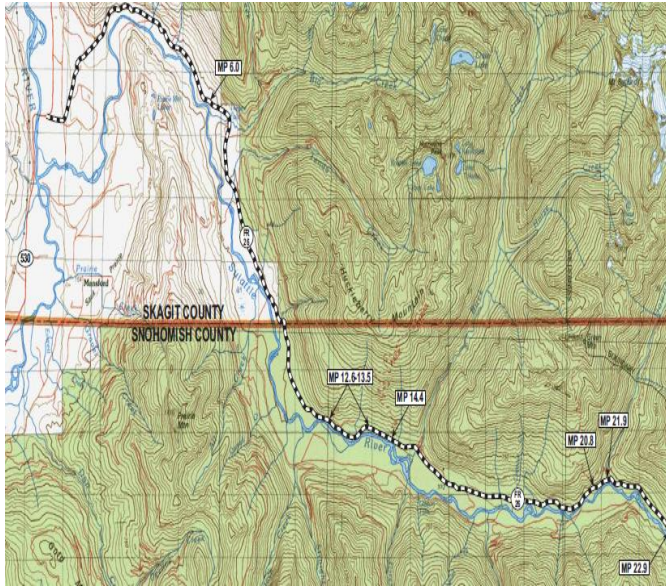


PROJECT INFORMATION

The **Federal Highway Administration** proposes to **repair flood damaged sites, and abandon and rehabilitate sections, of Road 26**. The proposal will be analyzed in an environmental assessment document, as defined in 40 CFR § 1501.3.

For more information on this project, please contact the persons listed on the back of this brochure, or visit the website:

<http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/> .



PROPOSED ACTION

The proposal would repair flood damage, re-establish vehicle access, and abandon and rehabilitate sections of Suiattle Road 26:

Milepost 6.0: Reroute the road for about 2500 feet, with realignment of about 375 to 400 feet inland from the eroded Suiattle River bank. The old roadway would be abandoned and rehabilitated with mitigations for associated wetlands and flood plain reconnection.

Milepost 12.6: Reconstruct the road 1200 to 1300 feet, with an offset of up to 70 feet from the existing road.

Milepost 13 and 13.5: Reroute around the two washouts with a realignment of approximately 1.1 mile of road upslope of Road 26 and away from the Suiattle River.

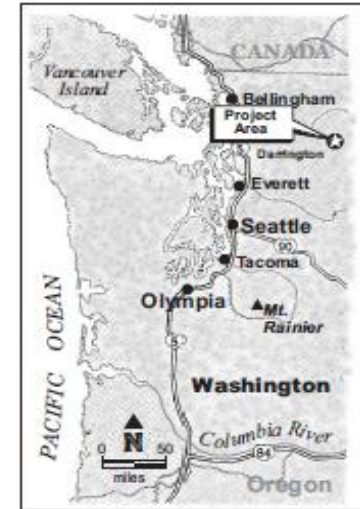
The reroute will use Forest Service Road 2670 (0.5 mile) and new road construction through second growth and mature forest to reconnect to Road 26. This reroute starts at MP 12.7 (Road 2670) and reconnects with Road 26 at MP 13.7. Approximately 1 mile of Road 26 would be abandoned and rehabilitated, with associated wetlands and flood plains reconnected.

Milepost 14.4: Align the roadway for a length of about 900 feet, 55 to 90 feet away from the eroded river bank. The Huckleberry trailhead and parking would be re-established, and the temporary reroute road abandoned and rehabilitated.

Milepost 20.8: Reconstruct the road for about 350 feet by moving the roadway into the hillside. All work will be outside of the ordinary high water mark for the Suiattle River.

Milepost 20.9: Construct a series of bridge extension to cross the Downey Creek floodplain to the existing bridge. Remove fill and culvert in bridge approach to accommodate flood flows and channel processes across the floodplain.

Milepost 22.9: Repair the bridge approach with a concrete faced retaining wall built at the edge of the Sulphur Creek Bridge deck and keyed to the bank.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Attend the **public open house** scheduled for the Darrington Ranger Station September 15th from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Send comments on **issues related to the proposed action** that the environmental analysis should address. E-mail comments to: WFL.Suiattle@dot.gov, or comment on-line at: <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/>. Mailing address: Western Federal Lands Highway Division, 610 East Fifth Street, Vancouver, WA 98661-3893.
- **Review the Environmental Assessment (EA)** on the proposal, planned for release in late 2011 with a 30-day public comment period. EA copies can be requested from the contacts above or downloaded from the FHWA website. Stationary copies will be available at the Darrington library and Darrington Forest Service office.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses if provided, will become part of the Project Record and available for public review.